

# Death of J. Pierpont Morgan, America's Great Financier

Passing of Aged Banker, Foremost Financial Genius of His Generation, Recalls His Epoch Making Career—The Leading Apostle of Concentration of Capital and More Powerful Than Kings

**J**OHN PIERPONT MORGAN, foremost financial genius of his generation, is dead. Even as this is being printed the news is still flashing to every far corner of the earth by telegraph, wireless and cable that the giant central figure of modern American finance has paid the last debt of nature.

When a king died in ancient times there arose at once the cry: "The king is dead! Long live the king!" Morgan the king is dead, but who may take his kingship? That is the question which lingers now on the lips of the mighty, nor finds an answer.

For John Pierpont Morgan, by reason of the magic that lies in the control of many millions, by reason of the vast industrial empire of which he was monarch supreme, was in actual fact more powerful than any ruler of the world today. Moreover, to that degree also his passing has in it possibilities which may make or mar history as the death of no living king or emperor could do.

The death of the greatest financier of this or any previous generation will give the biographer and the historian a wide field for study and research. The Morgan that the public has known is gone forever. The Morgan that actually was will be judged by posterity purely upon the good or evil that he wrought.

It was once written of him that he

The future financier attended school in his birthplace until fourteen years of age, when the family moved to Boston, his father to enter a prosperous mercantile firm there, while young Morgan became a pupil at the Boston English Grammar school. As a student, it is said, he made slight impression on his instructors, and when, a year or so later, his father determined to send him abroad to study there was little indication of the future mark he would make for himself in the world.

After a brief visit at Fayal, in the Azores, the boy was sent to Fell's school at Vevay, Switzerland, where he spent a year, afterward entering the University of Göttingen, in Germany. Here he remained two years.

In the meantime the elder Morgan's business had so prospered in Boston that he was enabled to sell out his share of the mercantile business in which he had until then been engaged and purchase a partnership in the great London banking house of Peabody & Co. And here young Morgan came when he had completed his studies at the university to lay the foundations of his future knowledge of the banking business.

## Father a Rich Man.

Unlike many other American boys, he was not compelled to hew his destiny out of the rock of circumstance. Junius Morgan was already a very

## SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES.

In Rev. W. E. Doty's sermon on Sunday morning, he stated that if people worked for Jesus as they did over an issue in politics, the world would be won in a very short time. The people of to-day must be reached by this generation of Christians, or they will be forever lost. There is still a thousand million who have not even heard of Christ, and the unsaved are dropping into eternity as fast as the clock ticks. About 280 people have died in Alma in the last three years and scarcely one-third were Christian. People were naturally religious and all worshipped something. With many to-day it was the "almighty" dollar, but if they did not worship truth, they worshipped a lie, if not virtue then vice. Wealth would not satisfy hunger. Church machinery would not produce spirituality. The personal labor was a necessity and the prayer which meant communion with God.

Evangelistic services were announced to begin next Sunday, April 13, with Rev. C. P. Meeker, of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago as leader. Cottage prayer meetings for the week: First Ward, Monday, A. O. Davis, 632 Gratiot; Tuesday, J. F. Gonsky, of Woodworth avenue; Wednesday, Thomas Clark, 706 River avenue; Friday afternoon, at P. W. Creaser's on State street. Second Ward, Monday, G. V. Wright, Woodworth; Tuesday, Geo. Rule, East Superior; Wednesday, Edward Hooper, Grosvenor avenue; Friday, V. H. Shepard, Woodworth.

Third Ward: Monday, C. F. Renner, W. Center; Tuesday, Mrs. Sophia Decker, corner Grant and Center; Wednesday, Mrs. Flewelling of Center street by R. A. crossing; Friday, H. B. Stuckey, W. Superior. Fourth Ward, Monday, H. M. Landis, 209 Elwell; Tuesday, L. Hollenbeck, 319 Wright avenue; Wednesday, A. M. Barkhead, 506 College street; Friday, Mrs. Lucy Clark, 212 Orchard street, and Thursday night a general prayer meeting from all over the city at the church.

At the Sunday school hour the secretary gave a report of the quarter ending March 30, showing an average attendance of 23 officers and teachers, and 186 Sunday school scholars, making a total average attendance of 209, and a total attendance of 2,680. The total offering for the quarter was \$92.14, of which \$61.90 was for missions.

The Men's W. W. Bible class were interested in a very spirited discussion of Jacob and Esau under the leadership of Mr. Ezra L. Smith. Next Sunday's lesson, Jacob at Bethel, will be led by Mr. P. W. Creaser.

The sacramental service was administered in the Baptist church last Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. W. Priest, spoke from the passage, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." He said many attempt to mock God but only mock themselves, for "Psalm 2:4 tells us, 'He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision.' The present life is the term of seed-sowing. We prepare for earthly life by training in the school, we prepare for eternity by living our life. Mr. Priest's well chosen illustrations all pointed to the fact that our greatest danger was not from outside enemies but from the evil of the inner life, like the worm in the timber producing a weakness that destroys ere it is openly discovered.

Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church Rev. W. H. Mason preached to a large audience on the subject: "The Business Man and the Church." He outlined the work of the man of business from the time of the arrival of the first settler to today showing that unless we had had pioneer merchants we would have had no towns, no centers of education and very little increase of farm values. On the other hand the towns would not have developed the sacred government, established the sacred rights of the individual, or been desirable as a place of residence without the churches. Both are a like necessity today. The honest tradesman and the fearless church will always be a necessity where liberty reigns. The dishonest tradesman becomes a curse to himself and the community and the church fails in her mission if enlightenment and Christianity does not pervade the public service. Mr. Mason spoke of receiving a letter from a church in Hamilton, Ohio, of which he was formerly pastor, asking help in their great need. In the evening he described his experiences in the Galveston flood and by comparison related the suffering in the Ohio valley. The church gave the entire offering of the evening for the flood victims.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Alma, Mich., April 8, 1913. Regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alma in Council rooms on the above date. The Council was called to order by the mayor, Hon. J. M. Montigel. Present: Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. There being a quorum present the Council was declared to be in session. The journal of the preceding session was read and approved. On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Fraker, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the contract with F. A. Soucey for the Post vault.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None. On motion of Alderman Pulfrey, supported by Alderman Cook, that the contractor's bond to city of F. A. Soucey as principal and Otto Sanderhoff as surety be approved.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Pulfrey, that the contractors' bond to the state with F. A. Soucey as principal and Otto Sanderhoff as surety be approved.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None.

On motion of Alderman Fraker, supported by Alderman Willard, that the Mayor be instructed to have a man by the day to clean the pavement.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Pulfrey, that the bill of the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. for \$375.25 be allowed at \$197.85.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Pulfrey, that the following claims be allowed at footing and the Clerk instructed to issue orders for the same.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Fuller, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None.

## GENERAL FUND.

Alma Grain & Lumber Co., lights	\$197.85
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., city hall	10.07
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., oats	7.00
Cable Hardware Co., bill	8.32
Lee Leybold, bill	7.95
C. F. Hickok, bill	1.65
R. F. Erwin, bill	3.75
Michigan Telephone Co., phone	6.00
Granger, hay	9.88
Detroit Trust Co., lights	63.14
D. W. Adams, bill	3.12

**HIGHWAY FUND.**  
Deil Hamlin, labor.....\$12.80  
Bert Bailey, labor.....18.80  
Alma Elevator Co., bill......60

**WATER FUND.**  
Alma Grain & Lumber Co.,

water	\$225.46
O. F. Parker, labor	23.00
Ed Eastlick, labor	3.00
<b>CEMETERY FUND.</b>	
Berman Bros., bill	\$1.75
N. F. Fenner, bill	4.52

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Fuller, the Council adjourned.

D. W. ADAMS,  
City Clerk.

J. M. MONTIGEL,  
Mayor.

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J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

wealthy man, as wealth went in those days, when he launched his son in business, and he grew wealthier still as the years rolled on. So it was that young Pierpont from the first stood at a certain height above the crowd, possessing from the beginning all the advantages and prestige of a successful banker's idolized son.

It was with the powerful backing of his father that he first went to New York to enter business there. It was the pale year of 1857. Hundreds of failures occurred within a few weeks. Young Morgan, a clerk in the firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., studied the problems he saw around him—studied and asked questions. He wanted answers to his questions, but he never criticized. He kept his conclusions to himself.

In 1859 the coming master of millions entered business on his own account, first under the name of J. P. Morgan & Co. and later as Dabney Morgan & Co., the latter firm not being dissolved until 1871, when Morgan allied himself with the Drexel banking house. In the former year also he married Miss Amelia Sturgis, even then dying of consumption, who lived only a few months after the wedding. From that time until after the close of the civil war not much was heard of Morgan outside his immediate circle in Wall street. He was industrious, prosperous, infinitely energetic, yet fully content to turn the full stream of his energies into ordinary business channels.

In 1865 he married again, his second wife being Miss Frances Louise Tracy, daughter of Charles Tracy, a New York lawyer. Morgan was then twenty-eight years old.

**His Advent in Railway World.**  
Up to that time the railway mania had not struck the country. In the following year began the spectacular exploitation and wrecking of railroads which resulted in the making of a number of millionaires almost over

"never wrecked a property nor depressed values that gain might follow. His work was always to reconstruct, to repair, to build up." And this may be the public's final judgment of the man.

## His Genius Was Constructive.

Those who saw the veteran banker when he appeared before the Pujo congressional investigating committee in Washington will recall the vivid impression that he made when for five hours he put himself at the mercy of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, answering unhesitatingly every question which that keen, adroit and resourceful lawyer chose to put to him.

Instead of striving to avoid or evade the queries hurled at him in rapid succession, as so many of the magnates who had preceded him on the witness stand had done, he was the personification of frankness itself. Actually he seemed to be trying to outstrip the lawyer's desire for information by telling more than he was asked.

At that time his eye seemed as keen as ever it had been, his voice as strong and resonant, but for all that there were little signs here and there, trivial, but none the less apparent, which indicated that even his iron constitution and rugged mind had begun to show the marks of the years.

## Dominant Financial Figure.

While unquestionably the dominant figure in the financial worlds of both Europe and the United States for nearly a score of years, Morgan was typically an American, the product of American institutions and the opportunities fostered by them. So also were his ideas and ideals sprung from the country that gave him birth.

John Pierpont Morgan was born in Hartford, Conn., April 17, 1837. His parents were Junius Spencer Morgan, a business man of that city, and Juliet Pierpont, a daughter of the Rev. John Pierpont, the poet, after whom he was named.

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